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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 29, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980005

For permission to withdraw Centrex Extend Service as a generally available service

ORDER

On December 31, 1997, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "Company") filed a tariff in which it proposes to withdraw Centrex Extend Service as a generally available service, effective February 1, 1998. In addition, the Company proposes that existing Centrex Extend Service customers under a long term pricing arrangement will not be able to renew this arrangement upon its expiration, and instead will be required to revert to a month-to-month pricing arrangement.

The Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed, that the tariff revision should be suspended, that BA-VA should give notice of its proposal to customers¹ of the service. Customers and other interested parties should be given the opportunity to comment or request hearing on the proposed withdrawal of this service. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:

¹ The cover letter to the Company's tariff filing indicates that it has or will give notice to each customer of the service by letter.

- (1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980005;
- (2) The effective date of the tariff revisions proposed herein shall be suspended for a period of 150 days, or until further order of the Commission;
- (3) BA-VA is directed to provide a copy of this order to each Centrex Extend Service customer, on or before February 10, 1998;
- (4) Any interested party may comment or request hearing on the proposed tariff revision on or before March 6, 1998, by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of such comment or request with the Clerk of the Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, making reference to Case No. PUC980005;
- (5) BA-VA shall, upon request, provide a copy of the proposed tariff revisions to any interested party; and
- (6) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.